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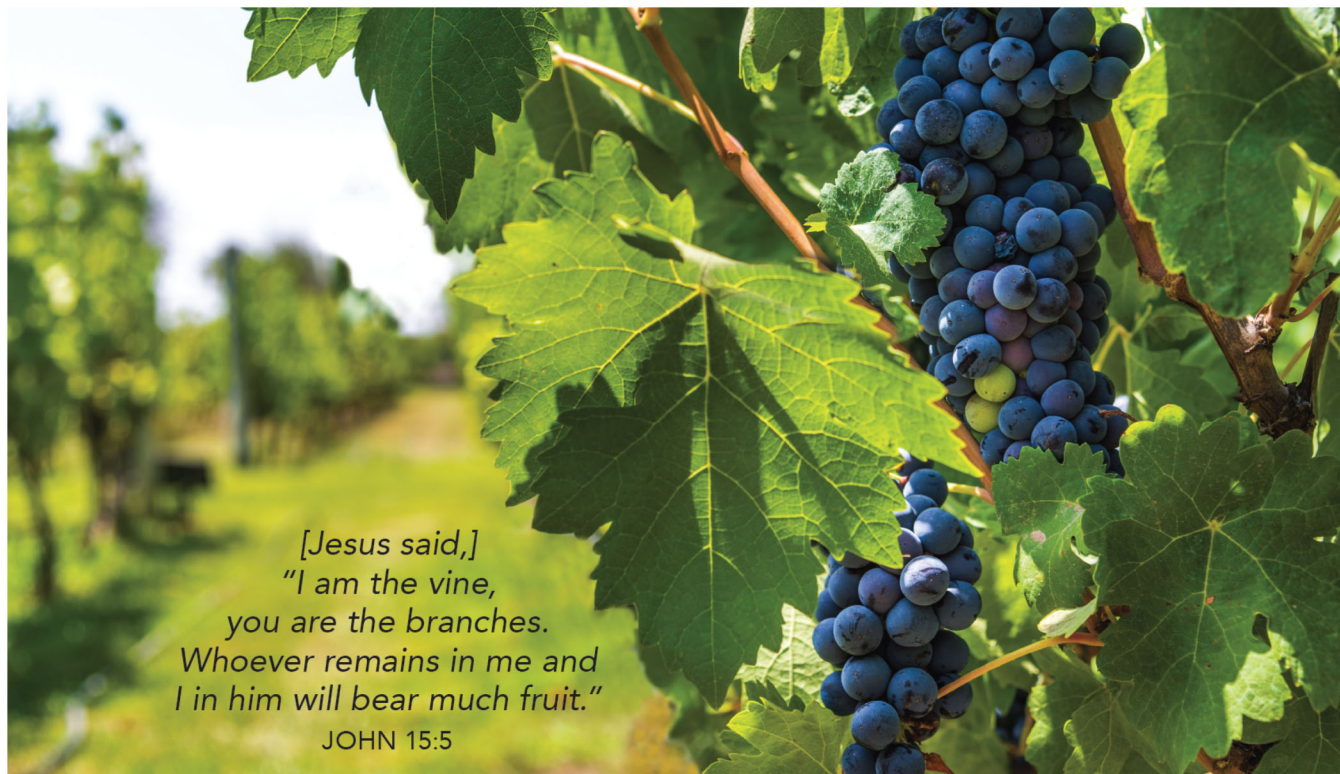
May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26–31

1 Jn 3:18–24

Jn 15:1–8



*[Jesus said,]
“I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and
I in him will bear much fruit.”
JOHN 15:5*

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In or Not at All

The little word *in* appears eleven times in the Greek text of today’s short passage from John’s Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being *in* does not mean “inside,” like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds

like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is “in Christ,” our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✱ *Think for a moment of the ways Christ lives in you.*
- ✱ *Now think of how you might live in Christ.*

Dear Padre,

Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

Of the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2–4 and Matthew 6:9–13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department."

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of *The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.



THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST BY THE DEVIL, BY FÉLIX JOSEPH BARRIAS, 1860 / WIKIPEDIA

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Calendar

Monday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles

1 Cor 15:1–8

Jn 14:6–14

Tuesday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7–21

Jn 15:9–11

Friday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

MAY 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

MAY 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25–26,

34–35, 44–48

1 Jn 4:7–10

Jn 15:9–17



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 1

8:00 a.m. - Marie-Therese Akonosi by The Ezenwa Family
5:00 p.m. + Mary T. Cahalane by The Miller Family

Sunday, May 2

7:00 a.m. + Nathan R. Hoffman by The Pearce Family
9:00 a.m. + James Justen by The Seeger Family
11:00 a.m. + Kha Le by The Nguyen Family
1:00 p.m. + John Boese by The St. Joseph Catholic School & Administration
3:00 p.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish (Spanish Mass)
5:00 p.m. + Patricia Coan by The St. Joseph Catholic School & Administration

Monday, May 3

6:30 a.m. - In Thanksgiving by The Devine Family
8:00 a.m. + David John Lavezzo by Jeanne Nappier

Tuesday, May 4

6:30 a.m. + Joan Hackett by Steve & Jennifer
8:00 a.m. - Anna Lee Family by The Lee Family

Wednesday, May 5

6:30 a.m. + Regino Landicho by The Landicho Family
8:00 a.m. + Therese Pepin by Steven & Marguerite McGill

Thursday, May 6

6:30 a.m. + Claudio Romales by Ivy Dumlao
8:00 a.m. + Kristin Outlaw by Tim & Nancy Outlaw

Friday, May 7

6:30 a.m. + Florencia A. Empinado by Fe & Leo Montalban
8:00 a.m. + Melody Paige Klinker by The Klinker Family
7:30 p.m. + Marilyn Garten by Bettian & Ed Maceda

Saturday, May 8

8:00 a.m. + Richard J. Roszel by Paul F. Roszel
5:00 p.m. + Brian Knoll by Mary & Joe Seeger

Sunday, May 9

7:00 a.m. + Amelia R. Simpao by Ruth & John Lowry
9:00 a.m. + Mabel Outlaw by Tim & Nancy Outlaw
11:00 a.m. + Anna Vera Sabol by Mary Kirby & Family
1:00 p.m. + Marjorie Spruill by Tim & Nancy Outlaw
3:00 p.m. - Carmen Perea by Gina Aliaga (Spanish Mass)
5:00 p.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish



Please note that all Mass Intentions will be honored closest to the Mass schedule below:

Mass schedule during Phase III Reintegration

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:00 am Mass and also live streamed

Saturday: 5:00 pm Mass and also live streamed

Sunday:

8:00 am

11:00 am

3:00 pm (Spanish) Mass and also live streamed

5:00 pm

Weekday Mass

Monday – Saturday, 8:00 am (Mass also live streamed)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Confessions: Wednesday, 8:40 am (also by appointment)

Masks are required at all times.

Church open from 6:00 am – noon. (Monday – Friday)

All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice.



In Baptism we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. With this in mind, we welcome these children of God who were baptized **April 24, 2021:**

Theodore Isaiah Kasrai son of Niakan & Diana;

Jace Alexander Romero son of Richard & Justine

**THANKS TO
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MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

HOLY MARY
MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US



The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:

We thank **our parishioners** for their gift of faith, embrace of the Gospel of Joy, "works of mercy," and support of the parish. As we celebrate the Easter Season, know that you are remembered in our thoughts and prayers. Easter blessings!

We thank **our parishioners** for their **support of the Sunday offertory via the use of Church envelopes and Faith Direct**. Know that we are grateful for your prayers and financial support.

We thank **the pastoral staff, Friars, ushers, lectors, music ministers, Knights of Columbus and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for assisting with overseeing the SJC Reintegration Plan for the celebration our public Masses each weekend. "Come Holy Spirit!"

We thank the **Religious Education Staff, Catechists, Catechist Assistants, Faith Formation program leaders, and all the volunteers** for ministry this year during these challenging days. Know that we appreciate your ministry to the parish. Pope Francis shares: "Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others."

We thank the **men of the parish** who participated in the **annual retreat** at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat House. We pray this was a time of renewal, blessings, and growth in faith and prayer. St. Joseph! Pray for us!

We thank **our parishioners** for their support of the **Parish Facility Fund Collection**. Your contributions assist us in maintaining and caring for our parish buildings and grounds. Know that we are grateful for your prayers and financial support.



NO CONTACT

**ST. LUCY PROJECT
SPRING COLLECTION**

MAY 22, 2021

9 AM - 2 PM

The St. Lucy truck will be in the St Joe's parking lot accepting your donations of food and monetary donations for the St. Lucy Project.

The Knights of Columbus and volunteers from our St Joseph's Youth group will be there to assist in this "No Contact" collection. Just follow directions to the truck, and we will take your donation from your trunk or hatch back. All non-perishable food (no glass please) will be accepted.

St Joseph has continued to support this mission throughout this pandemic. We thank you in advance for your support.

*"Praying the
Rosary together
as a family.
It's very beautiful
and it gives us
strength."*





Prayers through the Intercession of St. Joseph

Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph by Pope Leo XIII

To thee, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and having implored the help of thy thrice holy Spouse, we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg thee also to take us under thy protection. By that charity wherewith thou wert united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray that thou wilt look down with gracious eye upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and wilt succor us in our need by thy power and strength.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen off-spring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under thy patronage, that, following thine example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph by Pope Francis

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



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or Steve (Mundts@aol.com).

Collections for the weekend: April 25, 2021

Offertory In pew & Mail:	\$10,374
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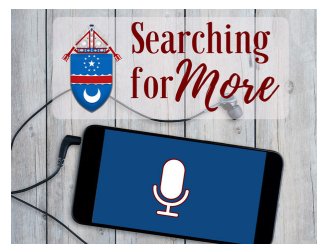
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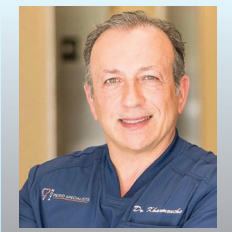
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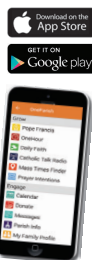
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